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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

In re Application of : Customer No.: 20277

Takenobu KISHIDA et al. : Confirmation No.: 3663

Serial No.: 10/036,388 : Group Art Unit: 2814

Filed: January 7, 2002 : Examiner: Phat X. CAO

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated February 12, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 12, 2004, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | NO. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | FEE |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| Total Claims | 16 | 27 | 0 | \$18.00 = | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | 4 | 0 | \$86.00 = | \$0.00 |
| | | Multiple claims newly presented | | | \$0.00 |
| | | Fee for extension of time | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | Total of Above Calculations | | | \$0.00 |

П Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

 \boxtimes The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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